

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| <p>Applicant: Taisuke HIROOKA et al.</p> <p>Application No.: 10/559,704</p> <p>Confirmation No.: 1845</p> <p>Filing or 371(c) Date: December 7, 2005</p> <p>Title: SUBSTRATE WITH INTERMEDIATE LAYER FOR THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SUBSTRATE WITH INTERMEDIATE LAYER</p> | <p>Art Unit: 2627</p> <p>Examiner: C. Garcia</p> |
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2011, the period for response to which has been extended to August 1, 2011 (July 31, 2011 falls on a Sunday), by the accompanying Petition for a ONE-month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ Amendments to the specification begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page **2** of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the drawings begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page of this paper.
- ☒ Remarks/Arguments begin on page **7** of this paper.

Please note, if a box is not checked, then no corresponding amendment is being made.